

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19-36, 40-43, 46-50, 52, 54-57, 64-68 are canceled without prejudice; and claims 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 38, 39, 45, 51, 53, 56, 59, 63, 64, and 66 are amended to reduce multiple dependencies and to bring the claims into conformance with U.S. patent practice as well as to reduce initial filing fees. Thus, the amendments are non-substantive. No new matter has been added.

Support For The Amendments

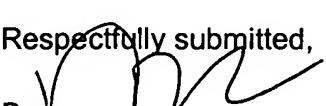
Support for the amendments is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, support for the amendment of claim 11 is found at claim 12; support for the amendment of claim 13, for example, is found at claim 14; support for the amendment of claim 16 is found, for example, at claim 17; support for the amendments of claims 38 and 39 is found, for example, at claims 40-43; support for the amendment of claim 45 is found, for example, at claims 46 and 47; support for the amendment of claim 51, which has been re-numbered as claim 52, is found, for example, at claim 52 as originally filed.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed, or substantially similar claims in one or more subsequent patent applications.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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